

Patricia Rothermich Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Salt Lake- One year after Patricia Rothermich was killed in a hit-and-run while walking near her home, many are doing their best to keep her memory alive. The newly established Patricia Rothermich Memorial Scholarship at the University of Utah, College of Social Work will honor Rothermich's lifelong dedication to serving children and families.



After graduating from the U with a master's degree in social work, Rothermich spent the next 40 years of her distinguished career as a social worker, supervisor and teacher. She was also Director of Child and Family Services. On the afternoon of October 3, 2007, Rothermich was struck by a vehicle and died during transport to the hospital. Rothermich's husband of eight years, Sherman Lynch, was charged with the murder shortly after the incident. His jury trial is scheduled for November 10. "We hope that by supporting students interested in child welfare, social work graduates will be able to pick up Rothermich's work where she left off," said Ann Cheves, Scholarship Committee Member.

The campaign to raise funds for the scholarship will officially begin with a memorial and reception on Friday, November 7, 2008, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at the St. Mark's Cathedral Center (231 East 100 South in Salt Lake City). The public is welcome to attend. All donations will go directly toward the scholarship fund.

For more information about the scholarship, please call the College of Social Work's development office at (801) 587-8387.